

# St. Martin De Porres Parish

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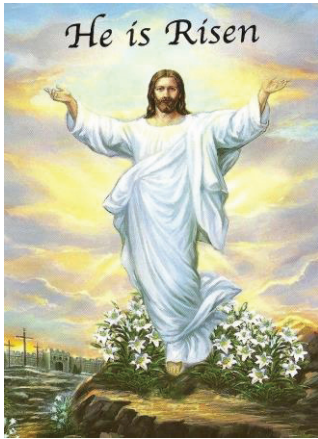
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**He is Risen!**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION



1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Acts 10.34a, 37-43

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
Colossians 3. 1-4 or  
Corinthians 5.6b-8

Gospel:  
John 20. 1-18  
(The Resurrection of Jesus)

### Regular Mass Schedule

### Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass is celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am

### Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass      **5:00 pm**

Sunday Masses              **9:00 am, 10:30 am and  
12:00 noon**

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### The Paradox of the Cross

**Alleluia, He is Risen!** Today is the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities. Today is the day Christ broke through the chains of sin and death and triumphantly rose from the dead, winning for us our salvation. As Christians, we are an Easter people, and we are called to live in the joy and peace of the Risen Christ. Let us take a moment to reflect on how Easter can profoundly impact our daily lives.

By human standards, the crucifixion was an utter humiliating defeat. It was the end of the story for the person of Jesus and His followers. Jesus would just be remembered as the influential and charismatic preacher that went too far by claiming to be God. All hope was seemingly lost. Yet, this is the paradox of the cross. The cross, the weapon of torture and death, becomes the very means of life and salvation. It was the necessary step in order for the resurrection. There simply is no Easter Sunday without a Good Friday.

This is the beautiful truth of our faith. The famous Portuguese proverb says that "God writes straight with crooked lines." When all seems lost and broken, God can use these situations to bring about great blessings. As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials in life or our ministry. If God was able to bring about the resurrection out of the crucifixion, just imagine the great deeds He will bring through our crosses. So let us rejoice on this Easter Sunday and thank God for the gift of His resurrection.

### Summary

The beautiful truth of our faith is that God was able to bring about the greatest good of the resurrection through the seemingly utter defeat of the crucifixion. The famous Portuguese proverb says that "God writes straight with crooked lines." As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials but instead trust that God will transform these difficulties into many little Easter mornings.

### Mass Intentions for the Week of April 19 / 20, 2025

#### Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>

**6:30 pm**                      EASTER VIGIL

#### Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am**                      + Mae Ong  
                                     + Andrew D'Cruz

**10:30 am**                      - For All Parishioners of SMDP

**12:00 pm**                      + Marcus Fernandes  
                                     + Leonardo & Beatrice Polacco

#### Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**8:30 am**                      + Celene Cuenca  
                                     + Alberto Mangeg  
                                     (1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary)

#### Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

**8:30 am**                      + Lucija Kudina & Ervins Pakulis

#### Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 am**

#### Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 am**                      + Stanislaus, Gertrude &  
                                     Bastiampillai



## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2025

Information Night & Collection of Confirmation  
Registration Forms - **Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 pm**

### Confirmation Enrolment (MADATORY)

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - @ 5:00 pm – St. Ursula's School  
Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> - @ 10:30 am – SMDP School  
Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> - @ 12:00 pm – St. Malachy's School

### Preparation Classes (In Person) – FOR ALL 3 SCHOOLS

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (**Rehearsal**)

### CONFIRMATION DATES

Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

**ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND MASS FROM THE  
ENROLMENT DATE RIGHT UNTIL THE DATE OF  
THEIR CONFIRMATION**



### Blessed Carlo Acutiz Video Presentation

Blessed Carlo Acutis from Milan, Italy, who died at the age of 15 in 2006, will be canonized by Pope Francis on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Carlo is known for creating a website of Eucharistic Miracles and serving as a role model for young people. You are invited to watch a video presentation called "A Boy from Milan", the newest documentary based on testimonies of three people whose lives were personally transformed by Blessed Carlo Acutiz: his mother, teacher and oncologist. This thirty minute video presentation will be held at St. Martin de Porres church on **Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**, two days before his canonization. Join us in getting to know this first Millennial saint.



Let us Pray! For the sick members of our Parish and for those who love and minister to them.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Classes begin on **Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm (**Rehearsal**)

### RECEPTION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 9:00 am – St. Malachy  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 11:00 am – St. Ursula  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 1:00 pm – St. Martin De Porres



**50 + Group** is celebrating Easter with a lunch on Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Tickets are on sale after all masses for the next 2 weekends in the foyer. For member \$18.00 and non-members \$20.00.

Please purchase your tickets early as there will be only a few chances to purchase tickets during Holy week.



### Parish Weekly *fact*

The beautiful statue on the wall at the tabernacle side of the altar depicts the Risen Christ, a reminder and celebration of our own Redemption through the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God. The new life of the Risen Jesus invites us to reflect on how God is inviting us to bring new life into our relationships, our faith, and our community this Easter Season.



**"He has Risen, Have faith in him... And he will always be there for you!"**

**Wishing you and your family a Blessed and Happy Easter**

**From: Fr. Anthony Gonsalves and the Staff at St Martin de Porres**



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